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HIS MAJESTY'S  
PROCLAMATION

Of the Twenty-first of MAY 1792.

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TO THE

REVOLUTION CLUB.

By GIBBIE BURNET.

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To circulate, and render as diffusive as possible, the Proclamation of the Sovereign is, no doubt, the duty of every good subject. Stimulated by this sentiment, the Publisher, who has, upon all occasions, been emulous to evince his loyalty, embraces this opportunity to serve his King and Country, by offering the Royal Proclamation of the 21st. of May, in the shape of a Pamphlet; and, the better to impress upon the public mind a lively sense of gratitude for the blessings derived from the glorious Revolution, and the obligations we owe to the immortal memory of the Monarch who accomplished it, we have subjoined Gibbie Burnet's Address to the Revolution Club.

THIS Address was first printed in the year 1788, by a Gentleman whose talents were found an object of Ministerial patronage; and, it is said, to have been published under their influence.

PARADOXICAL as this appears, it is simply explained by referring to Mr. B---f-y's motion in the House of Commons, for commemorating as a public thanksgiving day, the great and glorious REVOLUTION of KING WILLIAM. The question was much and ably agitated; and the

conclusion was, that M-n-ft-y saw the danger of exciting in the minds of the people too close an examination into the boasted event; and the following Address was penned for the purpose of at least diverting the Northern part of this kingdom from joining in the popular enthusiasm; and in a short time after, we saw Mr. B---f-y in a lucrative office.

Thus was the business stifled, until the appearance of the French Revolution; which begat fear in the M-n-ft-y, and inquiry in the people—which begat Paine's Right's of Man—which begat the Constitutional Society at Manchester\*—which begat his Majesty's Proclamation—which—like every attempt of the kind, can only serve to spread the conflagration it was intended to smother.

\* *Vide* Mr. D--d--s's Speech.



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BY THE

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A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS divers wicked and seditious writings have been printed, published, and industriously dispersed, tending to excite tumult and disorder, by endeavouring to raise groundless jealousies and discontents in the minds of our faithful and loving subjects, respecting the laws and happy constitution of Government, civil and religious, established in this kingdom; and endeavouring to vilify and bring into contempt the wise and wholesome provisions made at the time of the glorious Revolution, and, since strengthened and confirmed by subsequent laws for the preservation and security of the rights and liberties of our faithful and loving subjects: And whereas divers writings have also been printed, published, and industriously dispersed, recommending the said wicked and seditious publications to the attention of all our faithful and loving subjects: And

whereas we have also reason to believe that correspondencies have been entered into with sundry persons in foreign parts, with a view to forward the criminal and wicked purposes above mentioned. And whereas the wealth, happiness, and prosperity of this kingdom do, under divine providence, chiefly depend upon a due submission to the laws, a just confidence in the integrity and wisdom of Parliament, and a continuance of that zealous attachment to the Government and Constitution of the Kingdom, which has ever prevailed in the minds of the people thereof; and whereas there is nothing which we so earnestly desire as to secure the public peace and prosperity, and to preserve to all our loving subjects the full enjoyment of their rights and liberties, both religious and civil: We, therefore, being resolved, as far as in us lies, to repress the wicked and seditious practices aforesaid, and to deter all persons from following so pernicious an example, have thought fit, by the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, solemnly warning all our loving subjects, as they tender their own happiness, and that of their posterity, to guard against all such attempts, which aim at the subversion of all regular government within this kingdom, and which are inconsistent with the peace and order of society; and earnestly exhorting them at all times, and to the utmost of their

their power, to avoid and discourage all proceedings, tending to produce riots and tumults ; and we do strictly charge and command all our magistrates in and throughout our kingdom of Great Britain, that they do make diligent inquiry in order to discover the authors and printers of such wicked and seditious writings as aforesaid, and all others who shall disperse the same : And we do further charge and command all our Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, chief magistrates in our cities, boroughs and corporations, and all other our officers and magistrates throughout our kingdom of Great Britain, that they do, in their several and respective stations, take the most immediate and effectual care to suppress and prevent all riots, tumults, and other disorders, which may be attempted to be raised or made by any person or persons, which, on whatever pretext they may be grounded, are not only contrary to law, but dangerous to the most important interests of this kingdom : And we do further require and command all and every our Magistrates aforesaid, that they do, from time to time, transmit to one of our principal Secretaries of State, due and full information of such persons as shall be found offending as aforesaid, or in any degree aiding or abetting therein ; it being our determination, for the preservation of the peace and happiness of our faithful and loving subjects, to carry the laws

vigorously into execution against such offenders  
as aforesaid.

*Given at our Court at the Queen's House, the  
twenty-first day of May, one thousand seven  
hundred and ninety-two, in the thirty-second  
year of our reign.*

**GOD SAVE THE KING!**

**NON**



NON CIVIUM ARDOR PRAVA JUBENTUM.

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TO THE  
REVOLUTION CLUB.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

THE *Independent Friends* have publicly declared their intention to erect a Monument in honour of the happy Revolution, but their advertisement is silent upon *William* the Third.—*William* is the professed hero of your institution, and you have announced a festival to the glorious and immortal memory.—The least thing you can do, therefore, is to resolve upon raising a proud structure, upon your own expence, and to dedicate it DIVO GULIELMO,

THE Whig Club have chosen the vale of *Runamede* to display their taste and gratitude, and I  
beg

beg leave to put you in remembrance, that the fittest place in Scoland for your Monument, will undoubtedly be the *Valley of Glencoe*.

THE shooting, stabbing, and throat-cutting of the peaceful and unarmed inhabitants in the dead of night, by the very guests they had been hospitably entertaining, will furnish a finer, and better varied subject for a Relievo, than the massacre of the Innocents, which so many painters and sculptors have chosen to work upon.

THE INSCRIPTION MAY BE,  
*BY Command and Warrant of William the Third,  
signed and countersigned\*.*

AFTER,  
*INDEMNITY Granted and Accepted.*

ON the next side may be finely raised in Perspective—A VIEW of the Scottish Colony upon the *Isthmus of Darien*. Their ships and properties seized—part murdered—part in irons—and the rest perishing on the shore for want.

\* *Vide Burnet.*

ABOVE MAY BE THESE WORDS,  
*UNDERTAKEN by Authority of an Act of Parliament, and of William the Third's Letters Patent as King of Scotland.*

BENEATH,  
*RUINED by Express Command of William the Third as King of England, to his Governor of Jamaica, to assist the Spaniards against the Scotch Settlers, and to deny them Provisions for Love or Money.*

AND,  
*BY an Order of William to his Subjects of England, not to Subscribe to, or assist the Scottish Company.*

AND,  
*BY his Royal Permission to the Spaniards to destroy his Scottish Subjects, as Invaders, Pirates, and Buccaneers\*.*

SUPPOSING the Monument to be *square*, the other side may have three Medallions above one another like a Roman standard. One at top, representing the Father wakened at midnight to receive an order

\* Scotland was robbed by this business of above half a Million by her Deliverer.

der from his Children to quit his own house—with the Dutch guards taking place of the English and Scotch—incribed, *Recipi non Rapi.*

MARY and WILLIAM may appear in the back ground enjoying the Scene.—Over Mary's head a scroll may wave having these words, CORDELIA; or if you please, THE GRECIAN DAUGHTER. Over William—THE UPRIGHT MEDIATOR; or, DUTIFUL SON-IN-LAW.

THE next Circle may represent these exemplary Children dancing a Reel with two Ladies—EPISCOPACY and PRESBYTERY.

MOTTO.

*Lutherans in England—Calvinists in Scotland—Anything for three Kingdoms.*

IN the third, may appear the glorious Victories in Flanders, represented by a parcel of O's—with a second parcel for reverses—each inscribed—**DEFEAT.**

THE remaining side of the Obelisk may be ornamented by Profiles of the Hero himself, and his *Dutch Antinous*, not exactly side by side in the style



style of the Conjugal Shilling\*, but the King to be placed *close behind* the Subject.

MOTTO.

*Formosum Pastor Corydon ardebat Alexin,  
Delicias Domini et quid speraret habebat.*

\* If more circumstances be wanted to enrich this subject, they will be found in the descriptive letter from QUEEN MARY to her husband, which Sir J... D.....le cannot hesitate to produce for the instruction of the Club.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

OUR Monument will thus be almost as rich as the Trajan Column, and it deserves to be so.—For my own share, my principle is, if I like what is done, I am sure to be fond of the men who do it.—Were even Treason to be agreeable, I should certainly love the Traitor, and drink his health constantly and religiously.

As

\* ..... Always billing,  
Like William and Mary on a Shilling.

As a subject of Great Britain, I cannot politically regret the death of Charles the First, and therefore I cannot entertain a violent affection for the memory of *Oliver Cromwell*.—From an obscure man he ventured soul and body to become LORD PROTECTOR, having no other view in the world, but to procure to posterity the benefits of that great event.—I am sincerely thankful for the happy Revolution, and therefore like King William the Third above all other Kings.—It was solely to ensure us the blessing we now enjoy, that he violated every law of God and man.—For us alone it was that he condescended from a Stadtholder to become a King.

FAR be it from me to blaspheme with *Voltaire*, and to say, That if there be such a thing as Justice upon the earth, the conduct of William and Mary, in point of Wickedness, left every thing in the age behind;—nor with *Dr. Johnson*, That the private Life of the Dutch Hero was a system of Scoundrelism\*.

*So here goes the Glorious and Immortal Memory, and Success to the Monument. HUZZA!!!*

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\* *Vide Green Pease*, and other anecdotes in Sir John Dalrymple's Memoirs.

